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SUBJECT: SECOND HOUGHTON-MACK MISSION COMPLETED

REF: BEIRUT 7282

1. SUMMARY: LAST DAY OF SECON HOUGHTON-MACK MISSION
MARKED BY MENTION OF POSSIBLE US ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO
LEBANON, BUT OTHERWISE LITTLE COMMENT IN BEIRUT. END SUMMARY.

2. SEPTEMBER 4, HOUGHTON AND MACK REPORTEDLY MET AMIN
GEMAYEL AT 0730 LOCAL FOR TWO HOUR MEETING. GEMAYEL LATER
SAID HE LEARNED US CONGRESS HAS ENDORSED PRINCIPLE OF
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON AND HAS ALREADY APPROORIATED
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SOME FUNDS. HOUGHTON ALSO REPORTEDLY VISITED MICHEL KHOURY

IN MORNING, AND AT 1130 CALLED ON FORMER PRESIDENT CHARLES
HELOU FOR ONE AND ONE HALF HOURS.

3. IN AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 4, PRESS REPORTS HOUGHTON
AND MACK WERE VISITED AT HOTEL BY DR. FUAD SHEMALI OF
TANZIM PARTY. SHEMALI LATER SAID HE THOUGHT US WAS NOT
SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN LEBANON. MACK MET ALONE WITH
KARIM PAKRADOUNI FOR ONE AND ONE HALF HOURS AT 1900
AT HOTEL. HOUGHTON AND MACK HAD DINNER WITH MICHEL
KHOURY.

4. SEPTEMBER 5, ENVOYS DEPARTED BY SHIP EARLY IN DAY
FOR CYPRUS (BEIRUT 7287). MOST PAPERS SEPTEMBER 6
REPORT HOUGHTON AND MACK EXPECTED TO RETURN TO
WASHINGTON TO REPORT AND MIGHT VISIT CHRISTIAN-HELD
LEBANON AGAIN, BUT OFFERED NO FURTHER COMMENTS OR
REPORTAGE.

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